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1. The Military Academy in Hranice (P50/025) conducts a two-year course to train career non-commissioned officers and newly commissioned second lieutenants, as well as aspirants for reserve officers' commissions and members of the SIB. The Commanding Officer of the Academy is Brigadier General Karol Meger, about 53 years old, tall, well built, with gray hair; a devoted Communist. There are two Soviet officers attached to the Academy, Guards Colonel Vorobov and Guards Lt. Colonel Klimenko, about 35 years old, slim, with brown hair. The Academy is organized into three battalions, the first in Hranice to train artillery, tank, communications, engineering and enlightenment officers, the second in Lipnik nad Bečvou (P50/014) to train infantry officers, and the third in various other service training schools, such as the engineering school in Litomyšl and the quartermaster school in Rokytnice. Officers who specialize in enlightenment are sent to the Josef Haken school in Prague on graduation. The enlightenment company is commanded by Major Pivarci, a Slovak. The commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion is Lt. Ledvinka, about 40 years old.
2. Application to the Academy is obligatory for all career non-commissioned officers and career second lieutenants on promotion from the rank of NCO. Examinations given by the Ministry of National Defense determine whether the applicant is placed in the first or second year of the Academy. In 1949 the enrollment was increased considerably in order to make up for the severe drop in the size of the officers' corps of the Czech army which resulted from the political purge. In July 1950 a total of 1,200 cadets were graduated from the Academy. Of these 120 were members of the SIB.
3. The following subjects were taught in the second year of the Academy during the school year 1949-1950:
 - a. Tactics, three to four hours a week, taught by Captain Jaroslav Vancata, 30 to 35 years old, about 175 cm tall, slim, with brown hair; very intelligent, a non-Communist.

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- b. Political education, four hours a week in addition to one hour a week of political instruction. This course is taught by Lt. Rusov, about 25 years old, 165 cm tall, with brown hair; a fanatical Communist. He was graduated from the Academy in 1949.
 - c. Topography, two hours a week, taught by Staff Captain Vodicka, about 40 years old, 180 cm tall, stout with brown hair; a Communist.
 - d. Communications, two hours a week, taught by a staff captain.
 - e. Engineering, two hours a week, taught by 1st Lt. Kristofik, a Slovak, about 30 years old, 175 cm tall, well built, with brown hair.
 - f. Infantry weapons and target practice, two hours a week, taught by Lt. Zdenek Hradecky, about 22 years old, 180 cm tall, with brown hair. He was graduated from the Academy in 1949.
 - g. Physical education, two hours a week, taught by Staff Captain Havratil, 30 to 35 years old, about 180 cm tall, with black hair.
 - h. Horseback riding, one hour a week, taught by Lt. Barta, about 45 years old, short.
 - i. Russian language, one hour a week, taught by 1st Lt. Dedseck, about 24 years old, 175 cm tall, slim, with brown hair; a Communist.
 - j. Heavy weapons training, two hours a week, taught by 1st Lt. Hrbek, about 30 years old, with brown hair; a fanatical Communist. He was graduated from the Academy in 1947. Training is given in 62 mm mortars and 45 mm guns.
 - k. Combat training in Libava in units of platoon and company strength.
4. The 2nd Battalion in Lipnik consists of five companies with a total of about 650 cadets. Officers of the 2nd Battalion include the following:
- a. Battalion CO: Colonel Frantisek Sekerka, about 50 years old, 175 cm tall, stooped, with gray hair; he is not interested in politics.
 - b. Deputy CO: Lt. Colonel Stancik, 40 to 45 years old, 175 cm tall, stout, with brown hair; a devoted Communist.
 - c. Political Officer: Staff Captain Jaromir Bartusek, about 35 years old, tall, slim, with brown hair; a fanatical Communist.
 - d. CO of Company U: Staff Captain Svoboda, about 30 years old, 170 cm tall, gray; a Communist. He was graduated from the Academy in 1946. The company consists of from 120 to 140 men.
 - e. CO of Company Y: Staff Captain Jaromir Bartek, about 40 years old, 175 cm tall, stout, with brown hair; a non-Communist. The company consists of about 130 men.

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- f. CO of Company G (sic): Staff Captain Lengauer, a Slovak, 30 to 35 years old, 175 cm tall, slim, with brown hair. The company consists of from 120 to 130 men.
- g. CO of Company G (sic): Unknown. The company consists of about 120 to 130 men.
- h. CO of Company V: Captain Izo, a Slovak, about 30 years old, 172 cm tall, slim, with black hair. The company consists of from 120 to 130 men.

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